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SUBJECT: USIS RELOCATION

REF: USIA 12703; DACCA 2926

FROM CHARGE

1. LANDLORD OF TOPKHANA ROAD PROPERTY IS OUT OF THE COUNTRY UNTIL SEPTEMBER. IN ANY EVENT I SERIOUSLY QUESTION WISDOM OF EXTENDING LEASE EVEN IF LANDLORD IS WILLING.

2. BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF PRESENT PAO AND PRESENT CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, BDG REQUESTED OUR PREDECESSORS TO RELOCATE USIS. THEIR REASONS FOR NOT ACTING ON THAT SUGGESTION ARE NOT A MATTER OF RECORD. AGAIN, BEFORE THE DECEMBER-JANUARY ASSAULTS ON USIS CENTERS, BDG RENEWED THE REQUEST TO ME AND I ASKED MFA ASSISTANCE IN FINDING SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE SITE. IN MORE RECENT MONTHS PAO AND I HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING RELOCATION WITH MFA IN SPECIFIC TERMS. FOR US NOW TO DISREAGRD THE WISDOM OF HINDSIGHT AND DELIBERATELY TO EXTEND OUR LEASE CI HIGHLY VULNERABLE LOCATION WOULD SEEM RECKLESS TO BDG. WE WOULD SEEM TO BE ASKING FOR TROUBLE. AND IF TROUBLE COMES, WE WOULD BE IN A VERY WEAK POSITION IN MAKING PROTESTATIONS TO DKO.

3. IT IS VALID BUT NOT VERY USEFUL POINT TO MAKE THAT BDG HAS NOT GIVEN ANY PRACTICAL HELP IN FINDING ALTERNATIVE SITE. REALISTICALLY WE MUST CONSIDER THAT RELOCATION IS OUR PROBLEH

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AND THAT WE MUST FIND OUR OWN SOLUTION. WE HAVE FOUND USEABLE TEMP-

ORARY HAVEN IN THAT GSO CARROLL WINES HAS OFFERED TO VACATE HIS  
RESIDENCE, HAFIZ VILLA ON INDIRA ROAD IN "SECOND CAPITOL"  
AREA. THE PROPERTY IS ALREADY UNDER USG LEASE AND OFFERS  
THE MOST READILY AVAILABLE HAVEN OF USIS CULTURAL  
ACTIVITIES. MISSION HAS IDENTIFIED THIS SITE AFTER MONTHS OF

SEARCHING AND I RECOMMEND THAT WE USE IT.

4. ALTERNATIVE IS TO CONTINUE SEARCH WITH ATTENDANT RISK  
THAT WE MAY HAVE TO MOVE LIBRARY AND FURNISHINGS INTO WAREHOUSE AND  
"GO OUT OF BUSINESS" AGAIN AS OCTOBER 31 DEADLINE APPROACHES.  
(I AM NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT GERMANS WILL RELEASE THEIR PROPERTY).

5. EXTENDING THE LEASE ON TOPKHANA ROAD IS NOT REPEAT  
NOT AN ALTERNATIVE, IN MY JUDGMENT.  
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